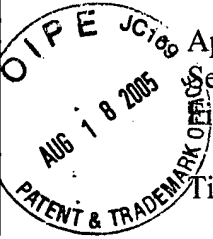


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The Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed March 26, 2005 indicates that the Examiner did not receive a copy of Reference J on page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 17, 2003. Applicant maintains that the reference was included with the December 17, 2003 filing. Further, another copy was provided with Applicant's Letter to PTO filed April 1, 2004. Applicant's records do not indicate that it has received a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to indicate that the reference was considered. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests such initialed Form PTO-1449.

In view of the previously paid fees, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$1,035 to cover the additional fees (\$735 issue fee plus \$300 for publication fee). Please apply any deficiencies or any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

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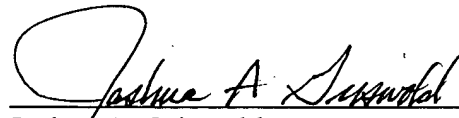
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